

OPINION 674

ACROPORA OKEN, 1815 (ANTHOZOA, MADREPORARIA):
VALIDATED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Acropora* Oken, 1815, is hereby validated with the type-species *Millepora muricata* Linnaeus, 1758.

(2) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified :

- (a) *Acropora* Oken, 1815 (gender : feminine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Millepora muricata* Linnaeus, 1758 (Name No. 1554);
- (b) *Madrepora* Linnaeus, 1758 (gender : feminine), type-species, by designation by Verrill, 1901, *Madrepora oculata* Linnaeus, 1758 (Name No. 1555).

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified :

- (a) *muricata* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Millepora muricata* (type-species of *Acropora* Oken, 1815) (Name No. 1930);
- (b) *oculata* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Madrepora oculata* (type-species of *Madrepora* Linnaeus, 1758) (Name No. 1931).

(4) The generic name *Heteropora* Hemprich & Ehrenberg (1834) (a junior homonym of *Heteropora* Blainville, 1830) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1646.

(5) The family-group name ACROPORIDAE Verrill, 1901 (type-genus *Acropora* Oken, 1815) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name No. 348.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1036)

The present case was first submitted to the office of the Commission by Professor H. Boschma in February 1956. An amended version of Professor Boschma's application was sent to the printer on 6 April 1961 and was published on 10 November 1961 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 18 : 334-335. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 4 : 51-56). No objection was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 3 October 1962 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (62)34 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 18 : 335. At the close of the prescribed Voting Period on 3 January 1963 the state of the voting was as follows :

Affirmative Votes—twenty-three (23), received in the following order : China, Lemche, Holthuis, Stoll, Mayr, Hering, Borchsenius, Munroe, Bonnet, Obruchev, Uchida, Riley, Binder, Jaczewski, Alvarado, Vokes, Brinck, Key, Bradley, do Amaral, Evans, Kühnelt, Mertens.

Negative Votes—none (0).

On Leave of Absence—one (1) : Prantl.

Voting Papers not returned—three (3) : Hemming, Poll, Tortonese.

Commissioners Boschma and Miller returned late affirmative votes.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion :

Acropora Oken, 1815, *Lehrb. Naturgesch.* 3(1) : 66

ACROPORIDAE Verrill, 1901, *Trans. Connecticut Acad. Arts Sci.* 11 : 163

Heteropora Hemprich & Ehrenberg, (1834), *Abh. K.-preuss. Akad. Wiss.*, Berlin 1832 : 332

Madrepora Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) 1 : 793

muricata, *Millepora*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) 1 : 792

oculata, *Madrepora*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) 1 : 798

The following is the original reference for the designation of a type-species for a genus concerned in the present Ruling :

For *Madrepora* Linnaeus, 1758 : Verrill, 1901, *Trans. Connecticut Acad. Arts Sci.* 11 : 111

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (62)34 were cast as set out above, that the proposal set out in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 674.

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Zoological Nomenclature

London

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